

Dear Paul (JL),

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Even for me this is a very hasty response to your mailing of the 23rd. Please be particularly alert to anything that may not seem to make sense because it is a day of exceptional and conflicting emotions on which I am more than usually pressed for time.

In a couple of hours I make a college appearance that can be important for me. And I am quite late getting home from town because it is the day I have long awaited, collecting the agreed settlement from the government for the damages done us by military helicopters and that made possible paying off my indebtedness to the bank (only).

For one single flashing, fleeting moment it was like a pendant drop of dew glistening in the early morning sun as it hung over a melodious brook. And then there was the reality, all the blood and pain, all the evil and ugliness. Even this Shylockian delay in sending the check, which cost us several hundred dollars in interest. Those bastards were determined to extort another pound of flesh.

Lil and I were singularly not euphoric. I had to make a trip to her office because these monsters couldn't even spell "Lillian" correctly and had to involve her in the whole schmeer in order to deposit the check.

So, during the various waiting periods I read the mail. There is some to which I must attend before leaving for the college so I can mail it today. Among these is your mailing. Of it I address only part now because of a feeling that I should take some up promptly.

First, please you and Jim leave the secret agent stuff to me. Because I think I have one with the idea, let me call it disguise. I will keep you both informed, but I think this person is dependable and would like to undertake your mission Discretion.

I may know by the time I see Jim in two days. It is a person who cannot yet be connected with any of us. Not only a beautiful disguise but a natural cover. All also puns.

Now, on the changes. You should remember but apparently do not that Liebelier has a history of this. Do you not remember that there came a time when he became a drinker? It may be connected. Do you recall that where I blew much on the Crane Show, I kept after him on one thing that no lawyer can explain away, his corrupting of evidence? I might have done much better if I'd had any sleep but I did give him no respite on this and I knew he would thereafter have trouble with his peers. It also marked the end of his book.

Thereafter, working on H.O. leads, I found other and substantive alterations he made in transcripts plus his notes on Kelley's Machann (correct spelling) report.

So, what you have is substantial and I can give meaning to a couple of the changes off the top of the head. (A young fellow named Barry was to have done this for me in 1967!)

Alentado is a real people, in Dallas, and with one of the Cuban groups. I'd rather not identify than err. I think he was an accountant. He figures in several of my interviews. Any elimination of a real name has to be significant, especially when it gets into the "Leopold" stuff.

This is also true of the shift from "junta" to "JURE." As I recall, JURE was for the Cubans a left group. the junta would seem to refer to the right-wing leadership in Miami, remnant of the Bay of Pigs. Recall that CIA support of the CRC, which I take to be the junta, continued through April of 1963. Liebelier knew and hid this. I have him on tape on it.

The Hall-Howard types could not be sympathetic to JURE. They were the political friends of the CRC types. Liebelier also knew and tried to hide the LHO-CRC link, as did the FBI.

I will go over the rest with care as soon as I can.

I recall your saying that the copying at half-page would cost \$. That is too small for my eyes, particularly if the copy is unclear. If you can trust me, I'd like a set actual size. I should be able to send you a check soon. We are due to get another and small sum du us within a short while.

I am unclear on what transcript you got. If you got other than the set that was sent to the GPO for typesetting you got the wrong one and I would urge getting 100% of that of Odio. It is one of the more promising blind ways of buying xeroxes. Or perhaps it would be better if JL did and we made copies here. You and he decide.